

City of Concord Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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BRUSH FIRE DANGER

Brush fire season is here! Extreme caution should be exercised in wildland areas. Please report any dangerous acts you see to local law enforcement. Burn permits can be obtained at your local fire station or online at https://nhdflweb.sovsportsnet.net.



DOWNTOWN COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

The busy work schedule continues next week on South Main Street, as crews push to pave the newly reclaimed portion of road from Fayette Street to Concord Street. On Monday and Tuesday, crews will fine grade sidewalks. Paving operations will begin on Tuesday and will cause temporary closures to Theatre Street and to the parking lot behind Constantly Pizza and the Abbott Bennett Group building. On Wednesday through Friday, light pole bases will be installed, as well as electrical and irrigation conduit. On Friday, crews will prepare manholes for the raising of manhole castings which will take place throughout the day on Saturday.



The return of warmer weather also allows crews to address some punch list items on North Main Street. Beginning on Tuesday of next week, crews will begin sealing granite and brick portions of the sidewalk and bump outs. Crews will begin on the east side of North Main Street, at Park Street, and will make their way south before flipping to the west side of the street to conduct the same work. Pedestrians will be asked to avoid walking in marked areas for 24 hours while the sealant cures. The concrete portion of the sidewalk adjacent to buildings will be safe for foot traffic, as this area was sealed last year.

NH PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

Property owners who owned their homes on April 1, 2015 may apply to the State of New Hampshire for relief of a portion of the State education property tax. There is no age requirement or asset limit for this program. A single person whose total household income was \$20,000 or less in 2015, and married persons or heads of New Hampshire households with total household income of \$40,000 or less in 2015 may apply.

Applications for the State of NH Low and Moderate Income Homeowner's Property Tax Relief Program are available at www.revenue.nh.gov/assistance/low-moderate.htm, or may be obtained from the City Assessing Office. The forms are also available at www.concordnh.gov/assessing.

Forms and documentation should be mailed to the NH Department of Revenue Administration, Document Processing Division, P.O. Box 299, Concord, NH 03302-0299, and must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2016. Applicants will need a copy of their January or March 2016 tax bill and a copy of their 2015 Federal tax return. If the property is in a trust, a copy of the entire trust document must be submitted.

For more information, please call the NH Department of Revenue at 230-5920.

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SPRING LEAF COLLECTION



The City's Spring Leaf Collection Program began on April 25th and will run through June 4th. Residents with curbside trash and recycling collection may place an unlimited amount of leaves and grass clippings at the curb on their regular trash collection day for disposal. Residents must use biodegradable yard waste bags or labeled rigid containers. Unacceptable items, including plastic bags, will not be collected

Residents who do not have curbside trash and recycling collection, or who wish to dispose of their own leaves, may bring them to Earth Materials Recycling Center for free (with proof of residency) if the load is smaller than that of a non-commercial pick-up truck.

Earth Materials Recycling Center is open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday; and 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturdays. Hours are weather dependent and subject to change. Please call ahead to confirm at 545-4835.

For more information, watch our <u>video</u> above, or visit <u>www.concordnh.gov/leaf</u> <u>collection</u>.

SEWALLS FALLS BRIDGE

This past week's construction activities included the beginning of construction on the north pier foundations; construction of a footing for a section of the retaining wall along the river on the southeast side (see photo); continued placement of reinforcement for the north abutment stem and lower pilasters; and continued work on the south extension to the temporary work platform. These activities will continue next week.



ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

This past week, the Manor Fire Station driveway was base paved and some curb repair work was completed. Next week, the landscaping crews will plant street trees along the corridor. Commuters can expect minor delays through the work zone.



LIBERTY UTILITIES WORK

Liberty Utilities will be working in the following locations next week:

- Winant Street, from Conant Drive to the end
- Rundlett Street, from Winant Street to Conant Drive
- Mooreland Avenue, from South Street to the end
- Rumford Street, from Centre Street to School Street
- North Spring Street, from Centre Street to School Street

There may be delays, one-lane traffic, and encumbrances of parking spaces.

ARBOR DAY

The Concord General Services tree crew celebrated Arbor Day last week by planting tree saplings at Blossom Hill Cemetery and Terrill Park. The crew planted American beech and Sweet birch trees. Approximately 15 trees were planted at the cemetery and another five at Terrill Park.

